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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR QUANTITATIVE AND SEMI-QUANTITATIVE DETECTION OF L-PHENYLALANINE, L-TYROSINE, L-3, 4-DIHYDROXYPHENYLALANINE AND THEIR CORRESPONDING KETO-ACIDS, PHENYLPIRUVIC ACID, 3-HYDROXYPHENYLPYRUVIC ACID AND 3, 4-DIHYDROXYPHENYLPYRUVIC ACID IN BIOLOGICAL FLUIDS, RELATED KITS FOR DIAGNOSIS AND MONITORING OF ALTERED METABOLISMS OF THESE AMINOACIDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as shown on the following pages.

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